

EVENTS of Horse & Buggy Days

News From the Past - Taken
From the Nunda News Files



125 Years Ago - 1863—The U. S. barracks at Portage, containing about 200,000 feet of pine lumber, were advertised to be sold at auction Jan. 23.—Dr. W.S. Lapier, "Practical Physician for Chronic or Acute Diseases," was located at the Eagle hotel for a time.—Died: Infant son of Gilbert and Althea Ashley.—It was learned that Nunda's Co. A in the 104th Regiment had taken about 160 prisoners at the battle of Fredericksburg.

100 Years Ago - 1887—Special services were largely attended at all the churches on Christmas Eve.—Mrs. E.C. Olney entertained at a musicale.—Boys and girls were enjoying fine coasting weather.—Married: Nellie Thompson and F.A. Bennett; Hattie Burge and "Mike" Brick.—Fire destroyed Ayrault's warehouse at Gainesville.—Died: Mrs. Julia Merrick Powell, Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. Phebe A. Holliday, Smethport, Pa.; and Mrs. Babcock, Topeka, Kans., all former Nundadians; Miss Sarah Walling.

75 Years Ago - 1913—Christmas Day was bright and pleasant, with the ground covered with snow.—An article and map explained the workings of the new parcel post system which was to go into effect Jan. 1.—Rev. W.J. Metz resigned as pastor of the Universalist church to accept a call to the Newport and Middleville churches.—Married: Grata E. Fritz and Frank B. Wagon.—B.H. McMaster was elected high priest of Nunda Chapter, R.A.M.—Died: Mrs. William B. Alley, nearly 88.

50 Years Ago - 1938—Jerry W. Scholes, 66, of Dalton, was killed when the light truck he was driving collided with a large truck on the White Settlement road.—Nunda Rotary sent a gift of money to the club in Hankow, China, to be used to aid war-stricken people there.—Harold G. Mabey was elected master of Keshequa Masonic lodge; Gretchen Moses, matron of the Dalton Eastern

Officials Studying Rural Areas

Nearly 600 representatives from every corner of the state gathered in Albany as the newly-created Office of Rural Affairs gave many local officials their first opportunity to direct questions about concerns facing rural communities.

Governor Mario Cuomo committed the Office of Rural Affairs to work with all state agencies to ensure that the needs and concerns of three million rural citizens are addressed in an effective way. The Office of Rural Affairs, said Governor Cuomo, will provide information on sources of help for rural areas; assist local agencies and governments in working with state and federal offices; help in finding technical assistance; and generally act as an ombudsman for rural communities.

Participants attended mini-forums where the commissioners of health, environmental conservation, housing, economic development, social services, and transportation responded to questions of policy and program administration.

Health Commissioner Dr. David Axelrod was questioned about small rural hospital closures, efforts to have a statewide 911 emergency telephone system, medical reimbursement rates in rural areas, problems faced by volunteer ambulance corps, the need for additional nursing home beds, and expansion of home care services.

Social Services Commissioner Cesar Perles responded to queries about problems in locating doctors willing to accept Medicaid patients, emergency housing, foster families, frustration with the child abuse hotline, and local budgetary pressures related to financing state mandates.

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Thomas Jorling was called to Washington. In his absence, Deputy Commissioner Janice Corr was asked about DEC's providing additional technical assistance to local governments to meet the solid waste problem. She also heard comments about the proposed regulations on pesticide notification, farmland preservation, purchasing of development rights, and permit requirements for municipal owned gravel pits.

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DALTON NEWS

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown have been Christina Brown of Santa Ana, Calif.; Charlotte Hotchkiss Blagg of Vega, Tex.; and Marvin Brown of Orlando, Fla. All were guests of Lucinda and Daniel Brown in Nunda on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown and daughters also spent the day there.

Mrs. Marie Darcy and daughter of Holcomb spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ricketts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Varner returned last week to their home in Cedaredge, Colo., after spending two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Richard Rigney, Mr. Rigney and family.

Guests of Mrs. Merlin Schneider on Dec. 26 were Mr. and Mrs. Fay Schneider and son of Livonia, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schneider and son of Warsaw, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lowell and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Howard and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Lowell and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Flint.

Airman Rennay Maker returned to Plattsburgh Air Base Tuesday after spending a few days in Dalton.

Guests over the Christmas holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Pratt and Tammy were their children: Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Pratt Jr. and family of Pomeroy, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pratt and family, of Aldie, Va.; Mr. and

Mrs. Patrick Elmore and family of East Bethany; Mr. and Mrs. David Briabane and family of Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Pratt and family of Dansville.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Seager and son of Cortland were Christmas guests of his mother, Mrs. Belle Seager.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Eichorn of Mountain Lake Park, Md., spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Mrs. Fred LeClair.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kerr and family of Rochester observed Christmas Dec. 26 at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kerr.

Allan Crosier returned home Dec. 30 after being a patient in Noyes Memorial Hospital for 10 days.

Mrs. Belle Seager was a recent guest of Theresa Garippa in Wayland.

Mrs. Georgia Ludwig has returned home after spending 10 days with her son, Donald Ludwig, and wife in St. Paul, Minn.

Frank Ricketts of Old State Road in Dalton, who has been a town councilman in the Town of Granger, Allegany County, for 48 years is to be succeeded by W.R. Lushman, also of Old State Road.

Please phone in your additional holiday items for the next issue. Happy 1988 to all.

The spouse of a worker who is receiving Social Security retirement or disability payments may become entitled to a spouse's insurance benefit when he or she reaches 65.



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